

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A vehicle electronic key system that may be lent to a third person without having to worry about how the key would  
5 be used. The key system includes a portable key and a control unit installed in a vehicle. When the vehicle owner does not want the third person to use a certain accessory, the owner registers a restriction code in the key. The restriction code is registered only when a fingerprint input  
10 from an input device matches the owner's fingerprint that is pre-registered in the key. The registration of the restriction code prohibits operation of the accessory.